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SUBJ: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING

REF: (A) STATE 084721, (B) CARACAS 3919

1. I DISCUSSED PRIVATELY THE QUESTION TREATED IN REFTELS WITH COLEMAN THIS MORNING. I TOLD HIM THAT WE COULD NOT BE IN A POSITION OF TRANSMITTING MESSAGES FROM THE KIDNAPPERS UNLESS THESE WERE KNOWN TO THE GOV. COLEMAN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD COMPLETELY AND THAT HE WOULD ASSURE THAT NO SUCH REQUESTS WERE MADE OF US IN THE FUTURE.

2. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER O-I SHOULD INFORM THE GOV OF THESE MESSAGES OR OF OTHER CONTACTS WE MAY BE UNAWARE OF IS EVIDENTLY THE SUBJECT OF INTERNAL COMPANY DEBATE. MY IMPRESSION IS THAT COLEMAN IS LEANING TOWARD A DECISION THAT AT LEAST FUTURE SUCH CONTACTS WILL HAVE TO BE COMMUNICATED TO THE GOV. I DID ASSURE HIM THAT, IN ANY CASE, THE MESSAGES WE CONVEYED WOULD BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.
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